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TWO CENTS.

## THINKS PEACE IS IN SIGHT

**Ambassador Gerard Optimistic in Interview in a Munich Newspaper**

## AMERICA WILLING TO PROMOTE PEACE

**Good Relations Between United States and Germany Has Improved Our Position for Taking Action to Bring War to an End.**

BERLIN, May 27, via London.—United States Ambassador James Gerard is convinced that peace is in sight, according to an interview published in a Munich newspaper today from its Berlin correspondent. Mr. Gerard is quoted as saying: "Nothing can shake my confidence that peace is in sight."

The ambassador referred to the settlement of the differences of the United States and Germany as preparing the way for President Wilson to take up the question of peace. "President Wilson," he said, "has much greater freedom of action now to deal with immense world problems which will determine the future attitude of nearly all the countries of the globe. It is useless to discuss at this moment the question as to whether President Wilson's intervention is desirable or probable. America urgently needs peace and for this reason alone the American government is under an obligation to its citizens to do and support everything that serves the cause of peace."

"A fact of chief importance is that my government is really willing to take action for the promotion of peace. I am very optimistic regarding the progress already made of the idea that the war should be ended even among belligerent nations. The wise and moderate word of the German chancellor regarding Germany's readiness to make peace has probably their strongest echo in America and strengthened the impression that Germany will take all further steps calmly and with confidence."

Referring to the recent crisis in German-American relations the ambassador said: "I hardly know from what quarters the present good relations between the United States and Germany could be disturbed. The establishment of good relations with Germany is one of the most important factors of the diplomatic situation now confronting the United States."

## BANK OFFICIALS ACQUITTED.

**Jury Out Only Nine Minutes in Riggs Case at Washington.**

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The three Riggs bank officials on trial here for perjury were found not guilty today after the jury had deliberated nine minutes.

More than half of Sweden is covered by forests, only Finland having a greater proportionate area of timber.

## GEN. GALLIENI WAS IDOLIZED IN FRANCE

**Regarded as the Saviour of Paris When the City Was Threatened by German Advance.**

PARIS, May 27.—Gen. Joseph F. Gallieni, former minister of war, died at Versailles today. The death of Gen. Gallieni, while not unexpected, created a profound impression, as he was idolized by the French people, particularly the poor, who regarded him as the saviour of Paris during the critical days of August, 1914. His funeral will be the occasion of a notable military and civil demonstration.

On Aug. 27, 1914, with the Germans threatening Paris, he was given the important post of commander of the entrenched camp and military governor of Paris. The question of declaring Paris an open town was seriously discussed at that time. The departure of the government for Bordeaux created a great deal of uneasiness and all those who were in the capital at the time recall the feeling of confidence following the posting of Gallieni's proclamation in which he declared: "I have received the mission of defending Paris against the invader; I shall accomplish that mission to the end."

At once his organizing ability and energy were shown. In a few days the city was surrounded by new field fortifications, points, a complete system of telephone and telegraphic communication was established around the city. The part he played in the Battle of the Marne is partly known; how on a Sunday, while von Kluck's lightning-like advance was progressing he sent 50,000 men of the troops of the army of Paris, in taxi motor-cars, across the town, out to the spot where Col. Maunoury was assembling his army and brought his forces up to a strength that enabled him to fall upon von Kluck's flank and protection and the great victory of the Marne.

## PRESIDENT PREPARES IMPORTANT SPEECH

**To Discuss Broad Aspects of International Situation Before League to Enforce Peace.**

WASHINGTON, May 27.—President Wilson today finished the carefully prepared speech he is to deliver tonight before the League to Enforce Peace. The speech will be devoted largely to the broad aspects of the international situation, which at least by inference will bear on the war, and will lead into a discussion of the fundamentals the President believes should underlie world peace. The speech is expected to reveal for the first time the President's interpretation of world opinion on the question of peace. A league of nations backed by an international police force is looked upon by the President as a possible means of minimizing the danger of war. There were renewed evidences today that he is deeply interested in the continued public discussions of peace.

## THE WEATHER.

**Increasing Cloudiness Probably Followed by Showers Sunday.**

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The weather forecast: Increasing cloudiness tonight, probably followed by showers Sunday. Moderate northeast and east winds.

## AUSTRIANS BADLY BEATEN

**Infantry Which Attempted to Advance in Close Formation Wiped Out**

## ITALIANS COOL AND PRECISE IN FIRING

**Austrians Also Repulsed with Heavy Losses in the Sudana Valley and Driven from Approaches on the Left Bank of the Maso.**

ROME, May 27, via London.—A severe reverse for the Austrians in Lagarina Valley is announced in an official statement issued by the war department today. The statement follows: In the Lagarina Valley the enemy continued yesterday its impetuous attack on our line and met with another sanguinary defeat. After the usual violent artillery preparation masses of infantry in close formation began an attack on us, but were exterminated by the cool and precise fire of our troops. Between Posina and the Astico river, after an intense concentrated bombardment by the enemy, our troops having repulsed one attack, evacuated an advance position on the Astico river. In the Sudana valley the enemy made several attacks, but were repulsed each time with heavy losses. Our troops drove the enemy from approaches to our position on the left bank of Maso. Enemy airmen threw bombs at some points, inflicting some casualties and slight property damage. One of our squadrons dropped bombs on the enemy's position and an aeroplane compelled an enemy machine to descend.

## MAN DISCOVERED ON HOUSE ROOF

**Police Called to Clark Street, but Stranger Jumped Down and Disappeared Up Embankment.**

Shortly after 9 o'clock last evening a man was discovered on the roof of the warehouse of the Hemenway house on Clark street, occupied by John Graves, and Pearl T. Clapp, who recently was named as a special officer for that district, was notified. Mr. Clapp had not accepted the appointment and declined to respond to the call.

Word was sent to the police and Officer Ellis G. Worden responded, followed by a number of young men, but by the time he reached the scene the man who had disturbed the tranquility of the neighborhood had jumped from the roof and disappeared up the bank leading to Prospect street.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Ethel Millington, stenographer in the office of H. G. & P. E. Barber, went to her home in Wilmington today to attend this evening the annual meeting of the alumni of the Wilmington high school.

Montana's record production of silver last year put that state in first place among silver producing states.

## Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Richard H. Clapp, Minister.



Sunday, May 28.

10.30 a. m., subject of sermon, After Fifty Years, Members of the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief corps and allied organizations will be guests of the church.

11.45 a. m., Sunday school.

3.30 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor meeting. How to pray. Luke 18: 9-14. Leader, Margaret Frost.

7.00 p. m., Christian Endeavor meeting in the chapel. How Missions Are Blessing the World. Ezekiel 47: 1-12. Leader, Miss Harriet Mellen.

## Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free.

Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

## In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30.—Regular meeting of Wabantiquet lodge.

Friday, June 2.—Social for Odd Fellows, Hebekeals, and their families, with dancing, cards and refreshments. Every other figure a square one. This is five cents a couple; extra ladies 10 cents.

## BRATTLEBORO BOYS MEET EXPECTATIONS

**Quality in All Events Entered in Burlington Preliminaries—Moran Makes Good Showing.**

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, May 27.—Coach Dietrich Stolte and the Brattleboro high school track team reached here on time last evening, all feeling in good condition. Nine teams are entered for the interscholastic meet, with a total entry list of nearly 100 boy athletes. The schools represented are Rutland, Burlington, Middlebury, Waterbury, Danville, N. Y., Vergennes and Brattleboro high schools, Brigham and Vermont academies.

While Coach Stolte has no expectation of landing first place, on account of lack of entries in the weight events, he expects to make a good showing in the events in which he has men entered. Weather conditions are nearly perfect and the track is in fair condition.

The preliminary events were started this morning at 9.30 o'clock and the finals will begin this afternoon at 2.30. The Brattleboro team did all that was expected of it in the preliminary events. Moran qualified in the 100 and 220-yards dashes, both hurdles and the pole vault. He won all of his heats in the sprints, but was not pushed, his best time in the 100-yards dash being 11 seconds. He was not forced in the high hurdles to win and ran in 19.3 seconds. In the pole vault Moran and Adams both qualified at nine feet and as only three others qualified Brattleboro has an excellent show for some points in that event. Randall was forced out of this event.

Adams in the broad jump leaped 19 feet and three-fourths of an inch in one of his trials, and unless this is bettered during the finals the mark will stand. Plumb qualified in the low hurdles and Stearns in the high hurdles, which gives Brattleboro all the representation that could be expected from a team of seven boys in a field of 100 entries.

Counors of Goddard seminary, who was protested last year, is competing again this year and was a big winner in the morning events. Rutland high has strong hopes of carrying off the cup this year and has a fairly well balanced team.

## GRADES ADDRESSED BY REV. MR. CLAPP

**Pre-Memorial Day Exercises Held in Main Room in Main Street Building—Large Attendance.**

The pre-Memorial day exercises for Grades five to nine were held yesterday afternoon in the main room of the high school building and were largely attended. The program published recently in The Reformer was carried out. Rev. Richard H. Clapp in a brief address drew a word picture of a young man living at home 50 years ago who sometimes wondered why there was the necessity for the early training in education and the teaching of love of country and duty to perform. There came suddenly the call to arms and this young man, with thousands of others, with only hasty preparation, was in deadly conflict in the tremendous battle of Gettysburg. He then, as never before, realized the value of education and training and the necessity for each person to give something in the interests of all mankind.

## BAY STATE HAS INCOME TAX.

**McCall Signs Act Which Will Reach Intangible Personality.**

BOSTON, May 27.—Gov. McCall signed yesterday the income tax bill, considered one of the most important and far reaching state enactments put through in years. It provides for a 6 per cent tax on incomes from intangible personal property and 1 1/2 per cent on the income from trades, professions and businesses in excess of \$2,000.

It also provides for a 2 per cent tax on the income from profits in stock speculation and carries a compulsory return provision with a heavy penalty for violation. The tax commission estimates that \$5,000,000,000 in intangible personal property has escaped taxation each year.

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## A CRIMINAL WITH A MIND

**Expert Alienist Gives His Opinion of Dr. Waite, Accused of Murder**

## THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN COMPLETED

**Justice Shearn Began His Charge to the Jury Soon After Noon Today—Knew the Nature of the Crime He Committed, Said Dr. Mabon.**

NEW YORK, May 27.—The summing up of evidence against Dr. Arthur W. Waite, in his trial for murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, was concluded by both the defense and prosecution soon after noon today. Justice Shearn then began his charge to the jury.

Dr. Smith Jellisse was the first witness today for the state. He testified that he had determined from the examination of Waite that the prisoner showed no signs of defective intelligence. He appeared as an average man of his early life and environment.

"My belief is that he was an average man, somewhat superficial, inclined to be snobbish and of no great intellectual attainments. In my opinion he was sane. I believe he knew the nature of the crime he committed and was fully aware of all the phases of it. He had sufficient mentality to appreciate his act. He was sane when he killed Peck."

"Do you consider Waite a normal man?" asked Walter R. Deuel, the prisoner's counsel.

"That question cannot be answered," replied Dr. Jellisse. "He is a criminal with a mind. He differs from the average man in terms of psychology because of his whole life being spent in living and feeling."

"Is Dr. Waite's demeanor on the stand that of a sane, normal man?" inquired one of the jurors.

"Not like the normal average man, but he has a trace that a criminal of that type would show," said Dr. Jellisse. Dr. William Mabon also testified for the prosecution, saying he found no disturbance of Dr. Waite's nervous system. On some occasions when he examined Dr. Waite the prisoner made an effort to give false answers. This witness' conclusion was that at the time he killed Peck, Waite was sane and knew he was doing wrong. Waite, he added, is as normal as a man of his type can be. He had control of himself and knew what he was doing. Asked if he noticed that Waite smiled when on the stand Dr. Mabon said the prisoner smiled while he was being examined by the alienist. "I consider that he chose that attitude for a purpose. I think he had trained himself for years to be pleasant to everyone."

## HONEYMOON LANE PLEASES BIG HOUSE

**Smooth and Entertaining Performance Roundly Applauded—Closing Presentation This Afternoon.**

The First Regiment band's Honeymoon Lane musical comedy company put across an excellent performance last night in the auditorium. The theatre was crowded and applause followed each number. There was plenty of life, the various singing parts gave abundant satisfaction, all took up their cues promptly, the acting was easy and natural and the dances graceful, and the show went along smoothly, with little that could be criticized on the part of either the principals or chorus.

It was the second of three performances and was an improvement in many ways over the first one. The closing presentation is in progress this afternoon.

## CAPTURE PART OF VILLAGE OF CUMIERES

**French Also Took Trenches Northwest of the Village and Repulsed an Attack.**

PARIS, May 27.—French troops have captured the eastern part of the village of Cumieres and have taken German trenches northwest of the village. An attack on the French trenches bordering on Fort Donnauont was repulsed, according to a statement issued by the war office today.

## NO PAPER

**Memorial Day**

**TUESDAY, MAY 30**

The regular edition of The Reformer will be suspended on Tuesday, May 30. All news of the holiday will be found in the issue of Wednesday, May 31.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OPPOSED

**Brattleboro & Whitehall Railroad Stockholders Hold Annual Meeting—List of Officers Elected.**

In the annual meeting this morning in the Brooks House of the stockholders of the Brattleboro & Whitehall railroad the clerk was instructed to write the president of the Central Vermont railroad that a suggested change in the time table of the railroad is not desired and that the present schedule be continued. It has been proposed to have the morning train leave South Londonderry at 6 o'clock and the afternoon train from that terminal not leave in time to connect with the 2 o'clock trains on the Boston & Maine road at Brattleboro as it does at present.

The following directors were elected: A. E. Cudworth of South Londonderry, J. A. Muzzy and J. S. Robinson of Jamaica, E. B. Batchelder and J. H. Ware of Townshend, D. A. Benson and Albert N. Sherman of Newfane, Charles C. Fitts of Brattleboro and Emory Melendy of South Londonderry to succeed the late J. W. Melendy. H. E. Eddy was elected clerk of the board.

The directors elected the following officers: President, E. B. Batchelder; vice president, A. E. Cudworth; treasurer, Charles A. Boyden; auditor, J. H. Ware; executive committee, A. E. Cudworth, D. A. Benson and the president ex-officio; clerk, H. E. Eddy.

About 110 stockholders attended the annual corporation dinner in the Brooks House after the business meeting.

## DAMAGE SUIT OF MRS. HOWE PUT OFF

**Action Against Central Vermont Railway Co. Not to Be Tried at Present County Court Term.**

The suit of Mrs. Nora L. Howe of Brookline, wife of Herbert H. Howe, against the Central Vermont Railway Co., for injuries received when her husband's automobile was struck at the upper crossing at West Townshend last September by a train on the West River branch, will not be tried at this term of the county court.

Another suit growing out of the same accident, that of Marion Howe, granddaughter of Mrs. Nora Howe, was tried and a verdict of \$780.75 given by the jury.

## MIDDLEBURY COMMENCEMENT.

**Centennial of the Birth of John G. Saxe to Be Observed.**

MIDDLEBURY, May 27.—The centennial of the birth of John Godfrey Saxe, the greatest poet in the list of Middlebury graduates, will be observed at the approaching commencement, June 18-21. Saxe was born in Highgate, June 2, 1816. An address on his life and literary work will be delivered at the commencement dinner by his grandson, John G. Saxe of New York city. Howard Elliott, president of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford railroad, will also be a guest of the college and speak at the commencement dinner.

The opening of the new Mead Memorial chapel will take place Sunday afternoon, June 18. An address will be made by Rev. Charles R. Brown, D. D., dean of the divinity school of Yale university, and a former moderator of the National Congregational council. Bishop Hall and other clergymen will take part in the exercises.

Opportunity to hear the new chapel organ will be given at a recital Saturday evening, the Estey organ company sending an organist from Boston for the occasion. Ernest A. Meneely of the company which has furnished the chime of eleven bells will give recitals on the chimes at various times during commencement.

Two Shakespearean dramas by the Ben Greet Woodland Players Tuesday afternoon and evening, and a baseball game between the University of Vermont and Middlebury college on Monday afternoon are other features of the 116th commencement.

## GREEN RIVER.

Charles R. Lincoln of Worcester is spending a few days with his niece, Mrs. H. E. Waite.

Mervin Fairbanks and family of Halifax were Sunday guests of relatives in this place.

Mrs. Hutchins and daughter of Greenfield were recent visitors of their aunt, Mrs. Luke Wrisley.

Mrs. Ernest Fairbanks and son, Donald, of Greenfield, were visitors last week at D. F. Fairbanks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crepar have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hudson of New York, and have returned to the West.

Leslie and Forrest Gallup, pupils from this school were successful in passing the high school examinations held at Guilford Center, May 11 and 12.

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## WOUNDED MAN TAKES STAND

**Vernott Testifies to Choking Geugonis Before Being Stabbed**

## GEUGONIS SAID TO HAVE MADE THREAT

**Prosecution by State in Progress When County Court Took Recess This Noon Until Monday Morning—Saxe Will Rest Monday.**

When county court took a recess this noon until Monday morning the state had not completed introducing evidence in the case of the state against Frank Geugonis and N. Spingla, each charged with assault with intent to kill Albert Vernott. The case will not get to the jury before Wednesday. State's Attorney O. B. Hughes is appearing for the state, and on assignment by the court Attorney E. W. Gibson appears for Geugonis and R. C. Bacon for Spingla.

The assault took place on the morning of April 25 at the top of the path leading from Morningside cemetery down to the plant of the White River Chair Co., where all of the involved parties were employed. Geugonis, it is charged, wielded a knife and grievously wounded Vernott after words had been exchanged.

The case was opened yesterday afternoon when the jury was drawn and three witnesses examined. Nicholas Morino testified to appearing on the scene after the stabbing and of helping Vernott to the factory. Another employee, Mellicart, gave corroborative testimony.

Dr. E. R. Lynch, who attended Vernott, gave in detail the extent and nature of the wounds inflicted and of Vernott's actions while in the Melrose hospital. The physician testified, under cross-examination, that Vernott, as he began to recover strength, became obstreperous and abusive and fault finding to the nurses.

Vernott, the wounded man, was put on the stand this morning and told his version of the encounter. He testified that as he came through the cemetery to the pathway that morning he saw Geugonis and Spingla there and Geugonis asked him why the witness had called him a vile name, and the battle in which the three were immediately involved began. On cross examination Vernott admitted that the Saturday before the assault, during an argument in the shop between the witness and Geugonis, he had put Geugonis on the floor and choked him and that there had been words between them on another occasion.

Michael Lillis testified that he came along on his way to work and saw the fight, but did not attempt to interfere. He did not see the knife wielded. He said Vernott was doing his share of the fighting.

W. E. Burke testified that he aided in helping Vernott to the mill.

George Brooks said that he was walking back of Vernott and Geugonis the night before the assault and that he overheard Geugonis threaten Vernott.

William Rano saw Geugonis and Spingla in the pathway as he went down to the factory, but did not see the assault. He paid no special attention to them as it was not uncommon for men to loaf along on their way to work waiting for the whistle to blow.

A. G. Miller testified that he was an eye witness of the trouble in the shop the Saturday before the assault.

The state has other witnesses to examine Monday, and it may be Monday afternoon before the defense begins offering evidence.

## FOREMEN OF TRACK GANGS WORK ALONE


**Boston & Maine Men Still Out on Strike—Returning in Some Places, but Not Near Here.**

Not any of the track men of the Boston & Maine railroad in this locality are working except the foremen of the various gangs. The men went out on strike last week, but an effort has been made by the company to fill their places on this part of the line. Railroad officials claim that the men are beginning to return to their employment in some places, but near Brattleboro not any of them have done so.

## VON RINTELEN IS INDICTED.

**Extradition Will Be Asked for Man Now Held in England.**

NEW YORK, May 27.—Franz von Rintelen, the German agent who has figured in several alleged German bomb plots, and who is now detained in England, was indicted yesterday by the federal grand jury as a basis for obtaining his extradition to the country. A bench warrant for von Rintelen's arrest on the charge of forgery in attempting to obtain an American passport was issued and will be forwarded to the secretary of state in Washington. Von Rintelen is supposed to be wanted by the United States authorities to aid them in the case against Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois and against men who are alleged to have participated with von Rintelen in a plot to block munitions shipments to the entente allies.



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